

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH POLICY

March 30, 2005
1:00 P.M.

Hearing Room B
Tapes 49 - 50

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Sen. Laurie Monnes Anderson, Chair**
 Sen. Jeff Kruse, Vice-Chair
 Sen. Peter Courtney
 Sen. Gary George
 Sen. Bill Morrisette

STAFF PRESENT: **Rick Berkobien, Committee Administrator**
 Brittany Kenison, Committee Assistant

MEASURES/ISSUES HEARD:
 SB 618 – Public Hearing
 SB 501 - Public Hearing

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TAPE/#	Speaker	Comments
TAPE 49, A		
003	Chair Monnes Anderson	Calls the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. Opens a public hearing on SB 618.
<u>SB 618 – PUBLIC HEARING</u>		
010	Rep. Robert Ackerman	House District 13. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT A).
040	Sen. Ginny Burdick	Senate District 18. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT B).
070	Sen. Kate Brown	Senate District 21. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT C).
085	Sen. George	Comments on breast feeding relating to healthier babies.
095	Sen. Brown	Comments that it is healthier for babies and mothers. Remarks that SB 618 will really help mothers who must work.
115	James Lace	M.D., Oregon Pediatric Society. Oregon Medical Association. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT D).
170	Sen. Morrisette	Asks about the correlation between the immune system and breast milk.
172	Lace	Answers question.
180	Audrey Lungershausen	Citizen, Portland, Oregon. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT E).
270	Katherine Abdun-Nur	Lactation Consultant. Registered Nurse. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT F).
330	Theresa Muday	M.D., Coos Bay, Oregon. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT G).
415	Sen. Kruse	Refers to section three (3), subsection four (4) of the bill. Comments that the language is vague relating to “reasonable conditions”. States that he would like others testifying to define “reasonable conditions.”
440	Julie Brandis	Associated Oregon Industries (AOI). Submits and presents

		written testimony in opposition to SB 618 (EXHIBIT H).
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025	Brandis	Continues testifying in opposition to SB 618.
075	Brandis	Continues testifying in opposition to SB 618.
105	Sen. Morrisette	Comments on the issue addressed by Brandis.
115	Sen. Kruse	Asks if the bill needs to address a place where breast milk can be stored properly.
120	Brandis	States that breast milk can go un-refrigerated.
130	Amy Klare	Administrator, Civil Rights Division, Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI). Submits and presents written testimony on behalf of Dan Gardner, Commissioner, BOLI, in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT I). Testifies in support of SB 618. States that the word “reasonable” has been addressed by statute.
150	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks to confirm that breaks cannot be flexed throughout the day by statute.
153	Klare	Answers question.
160	Chair Monnes Anderson	States possible concerns that should be addressed in a work group.
172	Klare	Defers to the BOLI’s website for detailed information.
180	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks where complaints come from.
183	Klare	Answers, usually an employee. Elaborates.
186	Lisa Trussell	AOI. Testifies in opposition to SB 618.
205	Sen. Morrisette	Comments on BOLI creating administrative rules. Asks Klare if she is familiar with the rules BOLI creates.
207	Klare	Affirms.
210	Sen. Morrisette	Asks Klare to clarify if she is suggesting that the rules be drafted after the bill is passed.
212	Klare	Affirms. Explains process.
214	Sen. Morrisette	Confirms that the bill could be passed with the idea that administrative rules would be developed.
218	Klare	Responds.
225	Sen. Kruse	Comments that the issue of flex time needs to be addressed in the work group.
233	Sen. George	Refers to page two (2), line eighteen (18) of SB 618. States that there is an issue in that line that needs to be addressed. Asks for other state’s statistics.
237	Brandis	States that she does not have information.
240	Chair Monnes Anderson	States there are only eight (8) minutes left for testimony on SB 618.
242	Brandis	States that they are going to meet with Diane Garrett to address concerns.
250	Linda Welsh	Citizen, Oregon. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT J).
300	Martha Johnson	Nursing Mothers Counsel. Registered Nurse, Sacred Heart Hospital, Eugene, Oregon. Submits and presents a fact sheet on “What Do Breastfeeding Moms and Oregon Businesses Have in Common,” in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT K).
350	Johnson	Continues testifying in support of SB 618.
400	Katherine Bradley	Administrator, Health Services, Office of Family Health, Oregon Department of Human Services. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT L).
450	Cynthia Good Mojab	Citizen, Hillsboro, Oregon. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 (EXHIBIT M).

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015 Deborah Hart Citizen, Oregon. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 618 **(EXHIBIT N)**.

060 Steve Lanning Oregon American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO). Testifies in support of SB 618.

065 Marsha Kelley Oregon Women's Rights Coalition. Testifies in support of SB 618.

The following material is submitted for the record without public testimony:

Christie Emerson Citizen, Portland, Oregon. Submits written testimony in support of SB 618 **(EXHIBIT O)**.

075 Chair Monnes Closes the public hearing on SB 618 and opens a public hearing on SB 501. Stands the committee at ease.

080 Chair Monnes Reconvenes the meeting.

SB 501 – PUBLIC HEARING

093 Rick Berkobien Committee Administrator. Introduces the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT P)**.

095 Megan Sweeny Service Employees International Union, Local 503. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 501 with the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT Q)**.

145 Sweeny Continues testifying in support of SB 501 with the -1 amendments.

180 Gail McDougale Senior Pastor, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Salem, Oregon. Submits and presents a report on current coverage's in support of SB 501 with the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT R)**.

230 McDougale Continues testifying in support of SB 501 with the -1 amendments.

260 Tim Nesbitt President, Oregon American Federation of Labor – Congress of Industrial Organizations. Testifies in support of SB 501.

325 Joel Ario Administrator, Insurance Division, Department of Consumer and Business Services. Submits and presents written testimony in support of SB 501 with the -1 amendments **(EXHIBIT S)**.

430 Chair Monnes Asks if Ario is involved with the Insurance Pool Governing Board.

435 Anderson Ario Answers question.

437 Chair Monnes Asks if a discount rate with certain companies is for the public.

445 Anderson Ario Asks if the Chair is referring to new plans created by the legislature for low cost plans.

447 Chair Monnes Re-clarifies question.

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010 Ario Answers question.

030 Chair Monnes Asks if there is a website under the Department of Consumer and Business Services that shows government health program information.

032 Anderson Ario Responds, yes. Explains how information is broken down.

045 Ed Neubaurt Director, Regulatory Affairs, Providence Health Plan. Testifies without a stated position to SB 501 with the -1 amendments.

100 Walt Samodurov Director, Underwriting Department, Health Net Plans of Oregon. Testifies without a stated position to SB 501 with the -1 amendments.

140 John Powell Regence BlueCross BlueShield. Testifies without a stated

		position to SB 501 with the -1 amendments.
190	Powell	Continues testimony.
240	Chair Monnes Anderson	Refers to seven items listed in the bill. Asks question regarding the seven items in the bill.
250	Powell	Answers question.
270	Chair Monnes Anderson	Asks when Powell can meet with Sweeny and Ario for a work group.
277	Powell	Answers question.
285	Chair Monnes Anderson	Comments on cost containment and transparency in hospitals. States that she wants hospitals to address these same issues.
302	Powell	Comments on amendments and that he will try to the resolve issues.
315	Chair Monnes Anderson	Closes the public hearing on SB 501. Adjourns the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

EXHIBIT SUMMARY

- A. SB 618, written testimony, Rep. Robert Ackerman, 1 p**
- B. SB 618, written testimony, Sen. Ginny Burdick, 1 p**
- C. SB 618, written testimony, Sen. Kate Brown, 1 p**
- D. SB 618, written testimony, James Lace, 2 pp**
- E. SB 618, written testimony, Audrey Lungershausen, 2 pp**
- F. SB 618, written testimony, Katherine Abdun-Nur, 2 pp**
- G. SB 618, written testimony, Theresa Muday, 2 pp**
- H. SB 618, report, Julie Bradis, 1 p**
- I. SB 618, written testimony of Dan Gardner, Amy Klare, 2 pp**
- J. SB 618, written testimony, Linda Welsh, 2 pp**
- K. SB 618, written testimony, Martha Johnson, 6 pp**
- L. SB 618, written testimony, Katherine Bradley, 2 pp**
- M. SB 618, written testimony, Cynthia Good Mojab, 12 pp**
- N. SB 618, written testimony, Deborah Hart, 2 pp**
- O. SB 618, written testimony, Christie Emerson, 2 pp**
- P. SB 501, -1 amendments, staff, 17 pp**
- Q. SB 501, written testimony, Megan Sweeny, 4 pp**
- R. SB 501, report, Gail McDougle, 2 pp**
- S. SB 501, written testimony, Joel Ario, 2 pp**